REAL ESTATE COMMISSION MEETING

Heber M. Wells Building Room 250 9:00 a.m. October 17, 2018

MINUTES

DIVISION STAFF PRESENT:

Jonathan Stewart, Division Director Mark Fagergren, Licensing and Education Director Kadee Wright, Chief Investigator Justin Barney, Hearing Officer Chad Tengler, Real Estate Analyst Judith Jensen, Assistant Attorney General Paula Faerber, Assistant Attorney General Stephen Gillies, Assistant Attorney General Amber Nielsen, Board Secretary Jennica Gruver, Real Estate Education Coordinator Van Kagie, Investigator Kurtis Hughes, Investigator Mark Schaerrer, Investigator Sarah Nicholson, Investigator Chris Martindale, Investigator Teresa Larsen, Investigator Lacey Vawdrey, Division Staff Connie Mickles, Division Staff Sarah Thaler, Division Staff

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lerron Little, Vice Chair Lori Chapman, Commissioner Russell Booth, Commissioner Marie McClelland, Commissioner

PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dan Naylor Shane Norris
Kreg Wagner Mike Ballif
Heather Swanger Brian Swan
Rachel Jaar Ryan Nord
Kevin Swenson Mike Hebert
Don Zimmerman Danielle Jensen

Kurt Buckley

The October 17, 2018 meeting of the Utah Real Estate Commission began at 9:00 a.m. with Vice Chair Little conducting. Chair Musselman was excused from today's meeting.

PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

<u>Approval of Minutes</u> – A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2018 meeting of the Commission as written. Vote: Vice Chair Little, yes; Commissioner Chapman, yes; Commissioner McClelland, yes. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Barney reported that Robert Wright requested to be added to the public comment for consideration for an extension of his fine payment by 30 to 60 days.

DIVISION REPORTS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Jonathan Stewart

Director Stewart reported that since the last meeting the Division's PSA script was received back from the focus group, given to the Commission for consideration, and the script was finalized. The Division is now working on getting talent.

Director Stewart reported the Division internally discussed some legislation which would prohibit agents from taking record when they leave a broker's office. There was also discussion about prohibiting brokers from contracting out the responsibility to maintain records. There was some discussion about what the rules currently are and the need for any additional rules. Mr. Fagergren stated that as the rules are written now there is no culpability on agents who take records. Mr. Barney stated the agents need to know the original complete records but stay with the broker. The Commission appears to be in favor of this update. Director Stewart stated the Division will give language to the Commission once there is a draft.

Director Stewart there is also some pending legislation regarding the licensing of home inspectors. He will listen to that discussion and report back.

Director Stewart reported the Division is working on draft language for the RAP Back and will get that language to the Commission. Vice Chair Little reported at the UAR meetings it seemed well received.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT - Kadee Wright

Ms. Wright asked the Commission for the opinion on stipulations for hearings which are received on the same day as the scheduled hearing. Vice Chair Little stated he is fine with those stipulations, but it causes confusion in the meeting. Commissioner Booth thinks it might be prudent to have some deadline, possibly five days.

Ms. Wright reported month of September the Division received 28 complaints; opened 23 cases; closed 18 cases; leaving 419 open cases. There are 17 cases assigned to the AG's office.

Ms. Wright presented the following for consideration:

Stipulations for Review
Danielle Jensen
Kurt J. Buckley
Tory Burningham
Damon T. Bocchino
Nathanael E. Dardon
Douglas D. Delquadro
Scott A. Dilley
Matthew Magnotta
Badi Mahmood
Brenda Mangold
Donald Zimmerman

The stipulation for Kristoffer Lyman was not presented for consideration.

Ms. Jensen of the AG's office presented the following for consideration:

Stipulation for Review Suzanne Hunter

A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting for the sole purpose of discussing the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual. Vote: Vice Chair Little, yes; Commissioner Booth, yes; Commissioner Chapman, yes; Commissioner McClelland, yes. The motion was approved.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC

An Executive Session was held from 10:12 a.m. to 10:26 a.m.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Results of Executive Session

Danielle Jensen – Approved with Division Concurrence Kurt J. Buckley – Approved with Division Concurrence Tory Burningham – Approved with Division Concurrence

EDUCATION AND LICENSING REPORT – Mark Fagergren

Mr. Fagergren reported the Instructor Development Workshop was held last week. He reported Mark Barker spoke. He stated there was a discussion on legislation and the questions Van Kagie gets so the educators can see where there are issues. Ms. Wright spoke about enforcement issues, and Mr. Fagergren spoke about licensing and education with an emphasis on agency, particularly how there are so many agents who do not have agency compliance on their broker applications.

Mr. Fagergren presented an application to the Commission for consideration of high school or GED equivalence.

COMMISSION AND INDUSTRY ISSUES

Mr. Fagergren discussed the updated rules for schools. There are a few revisions including that the schools cannot make a misrepresentation in advertising, including personnel, business practices, etc.

Mr. Fagergren reported he was contacted by three schools about an additional change. The current rules state that a school may not issue online credit if the education is not completed within one year of the registration. The schools have issues if there are students who register and then fail to begin the courses until much later. Mr. Fagergren noted there is only a year deadline for online courses, the live courses do not have that restriction. The schools would prefer for the year to be based on the start of taking classes instead of the registration date. There was some discussion on the various requirements. The Commission concluded they would prefer to remove the one-year requirement and to allow the schools to handle the deadlines for taking the courses internally. The Division will draft a rule and present it to the Commission in the future.

Mr. Barney mentioned the language for cease and desist orders. He discussed the process of rule changes. He stated his preference would be to include that language with the current proposed rule. Mr. Barney went through the other proposed rule changes. The Commission discussed the rules and are in favor of the rules. Mr. Barney will add that information to the upcoming proposed rule changes. The Commission also discussed there are approved forms which have not been updated since 1983 and 1987. Mr. Barney will take a look at those forms and see if any changes need to be made.

Commissioner Chapman asked if applicants can request approval of high school or GED equivalency in advance of submitting their application. Mr. Fagergren stated the rules require that the Commission will decide. There was discussion on the process and the Commission concluded the current process works.

Vice Chair Little reported on the Require CE Task Force. They have not yet met but

a hoping to meet next week to discuss the proposal.

A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting for the sole purpose of discussing the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual. Vote: Vice Chair Little, yes; Commissioner Booth, yes; Commissioner Chapman, yes; Commissioner McClelland, yes. The motion was approved.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC

An Executive Session was held from 11:07 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Director Stewart reported the education equivalency for Mr. Quijano was approved by the Commission.

Results of Executive Session

Damon T. Bocchino – Approved with Division Concurrence
Nathanael E. Dardon – Approved with Division Concurrence
Douglas D. Delquadro – Approved with Division Concurrence
Scott A. Dilley – Approved with Division Concurrence
Matthew Magnotta – Approved with Division Concurrence
Badi Mahmood – Approved with Division Concurrence
Brenda Mangold – Approved with Division Concurrence
Donald Zimmerman – Approved with Division Concurrence
Suzanne Hunter – Approved with Division Concurrence

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Vice Chair Little, yes; Commissioner Booth, yes; Commissioner Chapman, yes; Commissioner McClelland, yes. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.